

# **STATE OF THE CITY**

**CABOT, ARKANSAS**

**2011**

**MAYOR BILL CYPERT**



# **POSITIVE FACTS**

- **Revenue continues to increase**  
contrary to national trends
- **Expenses within budget**
- **Economic development is stable**  
adjusted for downturn in economy
- **2010 census population 23,776**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> fastest growing city in Arkansas**
- **Largest city in Lonoke County**  
five times larger than the next largest

# **POSITIVE FACTS, CONTINUED**

- **20<sup>TH</sup> largest city in Arkansas**
- **School district 10,275 plus students including pre-kindergarten**
- **Trade area population 91,000 plus within 10 mile radius**
- **370 plus Chamber of Commerce Members**
- **Capital reserve \$3,500,000 plus**

# **2010 IMPROVEMENTS**

## **MAYOR EDDIE JOE WILLIAMS**

- **Continued traffic upgrades**
- **Significant Drainage upgrades**
- **Added additional fire fighters**
- **New fire truck**
- **Fire station upgrades continued**
- **Established recycle center**
- **Completed exterior renovation and painting of City Hall**

# **ASSETS**

- **One of the best school districts in the country comparable in size**
- **The LRAFB and economic impact \$712 million total to central Arkansas**
- **Small hometown family oriented atmosphere with big city amenities nearby**
- **One of the top BMX bike tracks in the central United States**
- **Sound water and wastewater infrastructure with long term plans**

# **ASSETS, Continued**

- **Thirty plus evangelical church congregations**
- **A caring and volunteering community**
- **Close proximity to recreational lakes, fishing, deer and duck hunting, and world class medical facilities (UAMS)**
- **Significant annexation and development potential for triangle (SH 5, SH 89 and US 67/167)**

# **ASSETS, Continued**

- **State-of-the-art Armory with meeting facilities and more opportunities for military connections**
- **A trained workforce with good work ethics**
- **Close to higher education and technical education facilities**

## **ASSETS, Continued**

- **Located on planned interstate route (I 30) to St Louis**
- **Immediately adjacent to the Little Rock metro and central Arkansas areas that have a great deal of potential for commercial expansion due to out of state firms looking for friendly tax structures, business environments and high quality of life for employees**



# **ASSETS, Continued**

- **A broad base of community support and involvement in youth sports and other diverse recreational and community activities such as the Cabot Community Theatre**
- **Potential for significant expansion of rooftops and commercial ventures due to population projected to double by 2050**

# **CABOT POPULATION**

## **INCORPORATED 11/09/1891**

- **1940 – 741**
- **1950 – 1,147**
- **1960 – 1,321**
- **1970 – 2,903**
- **1980 – 4,806**
- **1990 – 8,319**
- **2000 – 15,261**
- **2010 – 23,776**
- **2050 – 45,084 Projected**

# **LRAFB "TEAM LITTLE ROCK"**

- **\$712,000,000 local economic impact**
- **5,000 plus Airmen, 6,000 plus family members, and 52,000 plus retirees with skills for the emerging aerospace industry in Arkansas**
- **3,100 plus indirect jobs**
- **5<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Arkansas**
- **Almost 100 C-130s**
- **1,800 C-130 students from 38 nations trained annually**
- **Busiest single runway in the Air Mobility Command**
- **Most tasked in AMC and largest iron supplier to the fight worldwide**

# **2011 INITIATIVES**

- **Completion and adoption of long term strategic transportation plan**
- **Continued drainage improvements and maintenance by drainage basins and ditches**
- **Upgrade web site and IT systems**
- **Library and senior center expansion**
- **Traffic signal 2<sup>nd</sup> and Locust**
- **Web portal for all city related web sites**
- **SH 5 on ramp increase to two lanes**

# **2011 INITIATIVES, CONTINUED**

- **US 67/167 Cable median barrier Jacksonville to Cabot safety for Cabot residents no city funds**
- **LED lights in all traffic signals brighter with energy savings AHTD with federal grant**
- **Implement Highland flood drainage project (FEMA grant funding pending approval \$160,000 city match)**
- **Renovate Chamber of Commerce foyer**
- **Completion and dedication of Armory**
- **Redistricting of ward boundaries**
- **Twice as much funding for sidewalks**

# **2012 AND BEYOND INITIATIVES**

- **Central fire station relocation and improvements**
- **New fire station at SH 5 and Mt Springs Road West**
- **Veterans Park Community Center expansion including exercise center**
- **North terminal interchange 2 to 4 million city funded (\$1,100,000 Federal grant pending to start engineering and ROW)**
- **Exit 16 & 19 ramp improvements**
- **Frontage road west of US 67/167**
- **SH 5 four lanes SH 89 to White County**
- **Traffic signal SH 5 and Magness Creek**

# **2012 AND BEYOND INITIATIVES, CONTINUED**

- **Panther Trail and Pine Street intersection improvements**
- **Elm Street improvements from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> street**
- **Replace and widen bridges at and near Kerr Station and Campground Roads**
- **Locust Street widening and improvements**
- **Chamber of Commerce work in lock step with the city promoting economic development**
- **Fund and implement Economic Development Group city and regional**

# **2012 AND BEYOND**

## **INITIATIVES, CONTINUED**

- **Significantly capitalize and expand parks and recreation faculties and the North Lenoque County Regional Park**
- **Maintain a strong capital reserve from revenue to provide matching funds and funds for projects \$5,960,000 identified 2011 and beyond**
- **Continue to fund and capitalize major expansion of all infrastructure with refunding of existing sales tax \$59,450,000 identified 2012 and beyond**
- **US 67/167 widening Jacksonville to Cabot**
- **Expand side walk initiatives promoting safe routes to school**



# **2012 AND BEYOND INITIATIVES, CONTINUED**

- **Consider bike routes**
- **Establish a dog park**
- **Promote Cabot and central Arkansas nationally and world wide**
- **Higher education and technical training facilities within Cabot**

# **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DIRECTION**

- **Cabot must expand and visualize beyond its' boundaries into a regionalized concept of networking and partnering that extends throughout Lonoke County and all of central Arkansas**
- **This concept will significantly contribute to economic development that will benefit all in the global area and add rooftops and commercial development in the Cabot area**

**Working together Cabot will be one of the best places in America to live, work, and invest! “Team Cabot”**

- **Thank you and may God bless Cabot, Arkansas, and the USA**

